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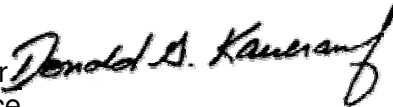


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ITTF POLICY STATEMENT 2011 (4)

TO: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Preparedness Fund
Sub-recipients

FROM: Don Kauerauf, Acting Chair 
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DATE: August 24, 2011

SUBJECT: Illinois Terrorism Task Force Policy Statement Regarding FFY 2010 NIMS
Compliance Activities for FFY 2011 Funding

INTRODUCTION

Governor's Executive Order 2003 (17) created the statewide homeland security advisory committee, the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF). The ITTF is responsible for developing and helping to implement the state's homeland security strategy as an advisory body to the Governor and overseeing the management and administration of federal preparedness grants. The task force continues to build upon a strong foundation of established working partnerships among its over 60 members, which represent all public safety agencies and associations and every community in Illinois.

FFY 2010 NIMS COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The state of Illinois requires local jurisdictions to become compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS), thus becoming eligible to receive sub-grants from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, through the completion of a self-certification process utilizing the NIMS Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST) and the submittal of a jurisdictional resolution adopting NIMS. The state of Illinois NIMS website can be accessed at <http://www.ready.illinois.gov/Nims>. The State Administrative Agency (SAA) ensures that only those agencies registered and in compliance with the FFY 2010 guidelines will receive FFY 2011 federal preparedness funding administered by the SAA.

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IMPACT OF NIMS COMPLIANCE ON FFY 2011 FUNDING

A. FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

In order to receive FFY 2011 DHS funding through the SAA, the authorized representative of the recipient organization will be required to certify that the organization is compliant with the NIMS requirements as specified in this document and has completed and submitted all current NIMS compliance documents and self-certifications as established by FEMA and IEMA (29 Ill. Adm. Code 301.510). The recipient organization will be required to certify the following NIMS requirements have been met prior to the receipt of a grant reimbursement.

1. Local governments must certify they have submitted a copy of the jurisdiction's local legislation, executive order, resolution, or ordinance formally recognizing NIMS and adopting NIMS principles and policies to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.
2. Jurisdictions have established an account in the NIMSCAST, completed FFY 2010 NIMS Compliance Objectives and Metrics for Local Governments, and submitted the metrics for roll up to FEMA.

The recipient organization will be required to maintain NIMS compliance, as established by FEMA and IEMA, throughout the performance period of the FFY 2011 grant in order to receive funding for the approved project. Failure to maintain NIMS compliance as outlined in this document within the performance period of the FFY 2011 grant will result in termination of the applicable grant agreement(s).

B. FOR SCHOOLS AND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

In order to receive FFY 2011 DHS funding through the SAA, the authorized representative of the recipient organization will be required to certify that the organization is compliant with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools document: "NIMS Implementation Activities for Schools and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)." For additional information, visit the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center at: http://rem.s.ed.gov/index.php?page=resources_NIMS. The recipient organization will be required to certify the following NIMS requirement has been met prior to the receipt of a grant reimbursement.

Schools and Higher Education Institutions must certify they have submitted a copy of the "Checklist: NIMS Implementation Activities for Schools and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)" to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

The recipient organization will be required to maintain NIMS compliance, as established by IEMA, throughout the performance period of the FFY 2011 grant in order to receive funding for the approved project. Failure to maintain NIMS compliance as outlined in this document within the performance period of the FFY 2011 grant will result in termination of the applicable grant agreement(s).

C. FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Nongovernmental organization sub-recipients are required to meet certain NIMS compliance requirements. All emergency preparedness, response, and/or security personnel in the nonprofit organization participating in the development, implementation, and/or operation of resources and/or activities awarded through the SAA will be required to certify the following NIMS requirement has been met prior to the receipt of a grant reimbursement.

Non-profit organizations must certify that at least one individual (presumably the security or safety director of the facility) has completed the IS-700 NIMS: An Introduction by submitting a copy of the Emergency Management Institute Certificate of Achievement to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE POLICY

This policy is effective as of September 30, 2010.